notice of the concerned State Government for taking suitable remedial action. The Corporation has also set up a General Purpose Sub-Committee comprising inter-alia, of Members of Parliament which visits ESI hospitals/dispensiaries in two or three states each year. The deficiencies pointed out by the Sub-Committee in this regard are referred to the concerned State Government for appropriate action.

(d) The requisite information is as under :-

Year	Amount (Rs.in lakh)
1993-94	33056.87
1994-95	35079.43
1995-96	38252.73

(e) Under the ESI Act benefits are payable/ receivable if the contributions are payable but not actually paid. As no discrimination is made in this regard between the employees of defaulting and non-defaulting factories/establishments, information on defaulter employees availing medifcal facilities under the ESI Scheme, is not maintained.

Development of Hampi

1929. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the Government of Karnataka to prepare a project report for the development of Hampi in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Karnataka has sent a project report for the comprehensive development of Hami, now declared as a World Heritage place;

(c) the estimated cost of the project;

(d) whether there is any proposal to secure foreign assistance to take up the above project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought Rs.20 crores for Tourism related works in the State; and

(g) if so, the details of the tourism related work for which Central assistance has been sought by the Government of Karnataka.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c). The Government of Karnataka has sent a project proposal for integrated Development of Hampi A World Heritage Centre. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.3,962.31 millions.

(d) and (e). The project proposal has been sent to Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance for their consideration for foreign assistance.

(f) and (g). The Government of Karnataka has sought Rs.20 crores for Central Financial Assistance for various projects such as upgradation of information counter, flood lighting of heritage monuments, upgradation of hotels, publicity efforts etc.

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Irregularities in Employement Exchanges

1930. SHRI RAJENDERA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn towards the irregularities taking place in employment exchanges; and

(b)if so, the steps being taken by the Government to check such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). The Employment Exchanges function under the administrative control of the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The functioning of the Employment Exchanges is kept under review by them for improving their functional efficiency. Guidelines are also issued from time to time by the Central Government to the States for adopting simplified and uniform procedures in the matter of registration and placement by the employment exchanges.

Post Offices under Delhi Postal Circle

1931. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA :
SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of post offices under the Delhi Postal Circle modernised during 1994, 1995 and 1996, till now;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the criteria fixed for the selection of contractors;

(d) whether criteria has been followed strictly while awarding contracts; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Programme of modernisation of post offices in Delhi Circle has been implemented from the year 1994-95 under successive annual plans of the Department of Post. Year-wise break-up of the number of post offices modernised under